

## SCIENTIFIC SAVAGERY.

Horrible Views Put Forth at the  
British Association.

At the recent meeting of the British Association the champions of science turned aside for a moment from their old contest with theology and boldly challenged civilization itself to combat on the plains of truth. The challenge came mainly from the explorers of the world and took the form of a defense of the savageries and superstitions that our culture holds in utter abhorrence. The leader in the defiance was a certain Captain Hinde, who, in describing the prevalence of cannibalism in the Congo region, said: "In the country of the Bulela one sees neither gray-haired persons, halt, maimed nor blind. Even parents are eaten by their children on the last sign of old age. Under such circumstances, the Bulela are a splendid race." It was furthermore declared that the custom of eating the dead saves savage races from epidemics. Another traveler who had been in Guinea argued that the fierce vendettas which prevail there have an undoubted influence for good by thinning out the weaker members of the race. In the discussion which followed the papers, there was shown a marked agreement among the scientists that savagery is not without its compensations, and, in fact, to the outsider it would almost seem that science itself is savage.

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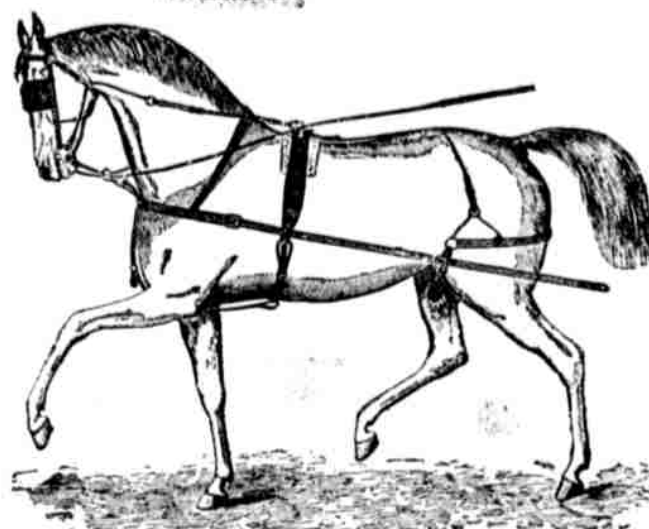
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